

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 1 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/315,026, filed May 20, 1999, which receives the benefit of priority from provisional applications 60/134,552, filed May 17, 1999, 60/086,516, filed May 22, 1998, 60/086,588 filed May 22, 1998, 60/086,948, filed May 27, 1998, 60/087,587, filed June 1, 1998, and 60/088,459, filed June 8, 1998. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/315,026 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application 09/213,875, filed December 17, 1998, which receives the benefit of priority of provisional application 60/068,366, filed December 19, 1997, and which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application 08/980,058, filed November 26, 1997, which receives the benefit of priority of provisional application 60/066,415, filed November 24, 1997, provisional application 60/066,313, filed November 21, 1997, provisional application 60/033,871, filed December 20, 1996, provisional application 60/032,207 filed December 2, 1996, and provisional application 60/031,855, filed November 29, 1996. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/315,026 is also a continuation-in-part of PCT application PCT/US98/27058, filed December 17, 1998 and designating the United States. PCT/US98/27058 receives the benefit of provisional application 60/068,366, filed December 19, 1997. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/315,026 is also a continuation-in part of PCT application PCT/US97/21812, filed November 28, 1997 and designating the United States. PCT/US97/21812 receives the benefit of priority of provisional application 60/066,415, filed November 24, 1997, provisional application 60/066,313, filed November 21, 1997, provisional application 60/033,871, filed December 20, 1996, provisional application 60/032,207 filed December 2, 1996, and provisional application 60/031,855, filed November 29, 1996. PCT/US97/21812 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application 08/980,058, whose priority is

discussed above. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/315,026 is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application 09/085,755, filed May 21, 1998. U.S. Patent Application 09/085,755, filed May 27, 1998, receives the benefit of priority of provisional application 60/066,313, filed November 21, 1997, provisional application 60/066,415, filed November 24, 1997, provisional application 60/068,366, filed December 19, 1997, provisional application 60/086,516, filed May 22, 1998, provisional application 60/086,588, filed May 22, 1998, and provisional application 60/086,948, filed May 27, 1998.